


GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Senior Deputy Director
for Health Care Finance

Medical Assistance Program
Transmittal No: 03-39

TO:  District of Columbia Department of Mental Health – St. Elizabeth Hospital

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DATE: SEP - 8 2003

SUBJECT: Transition of D.C. Specific Local Codes to HIPAA Compliant Codes

The Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) is required to achieve compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's (HIPAA) mandated transaction standards, code sets and identifiers by October 16, 2003.

MAA had devised many local codes for the Department of Mental Health's St. Elizabeth Hospital to accommodate special needs and circumstances; however, the HIPAA transactions, code sets and identifiers rules do not permit the use of local code values after October 16, 2003. MAA has cross-walked all active local codes currently used by the St. Elizabeth Hospital to standard codes.

To assist the St. Elizabeth Hospital with the transition to standard codes, MAA has attached an Addendum that provides a crosswalk between the current local codes and standard codes. Additionally, the proposed transition from local codes to standard codes will not change the current reimbursement payment(s) for the Medicaid claims submitted by the St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Please note that, effective September 30, 2003 MAA will discontinue the use of current local codes for the St. Elizabeth Hospital. Medicaid claims submitted by the St. Elizabeth Hospital for services rendered on or after October 1, 2003 should be submitted using only the standard codes.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this transmittal, please call MAA's Fiscal Agent, ACS State Healthcare's Provider Relations Inquiry Desk on (866) 752-9233.

Attachment: Local Code Crosswalk – DOH St. Elizabeth Hospital